



**St Luke's Church Fontainebleau**  
**The Sunday next before Lent**  
**Holy Communion Service**  
**15 February 2026**  
*Service led by Rev'd Dr Donald McFadyen*



Welcome to our service this morning.

The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide and from our [website](#).

You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

*If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.*

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.

It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.

It is through encountering God within worship  
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

**THE GATHERING**

*Please stand as we sing our first Hymn:*

**Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King! (SoF 482)**

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!**  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph ever more:

**Ref:**  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;

*The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:*

*He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet:*

*Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:*

**Ref:**  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

THE GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known , and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please sit or kneel as we pray together :*

Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in  
thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct  
what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life  
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Please stand as we say together :*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sit for our first reading.*

### Exodus 24. 12-end

*The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."*

*Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.*

....This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE: Psalm 2

*Please say the words printed in bold:*

*1 Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
2 **The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**  
3 "Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast their cords from us."  
4 **He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord has them in derision.**  
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
6 **"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."**  
7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.*

***8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
heritage  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**  
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."  
10 **Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**  
11 Serve the Lord with fear;  
with trembling  
12 **kiss his feet,**  
**or he will be angry, and you will perish in the  
way,**  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.***

***Happy are all who take refuge in him.***

*We say together:*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be forever.  
Amen.**

**Gradual Hymn: Jesus shall take the highest honour (SoF 302)**

*JESUS SHALL TAKE THE HIGHEST HONOUR,  
Jesus shall take the highest praise.  
Let all earth join heaven in exalting  
The Name which is above all other names.  
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,  
For at His name every knee must bow.  
Let every tongue confess He is Christ, God's only  
Son;*

*Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now.  
  
For all honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You.  
All honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You, belongs to You,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.*

**THE GOSPEL READING**

Priest : The Lord be with you.  
All : **And also with you.**

Priest : Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 17. 1-9**

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*

*As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

.... This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON** *Please be seated.*

*Transfiguration by Malcolm Guite*

*For that one moment, 'in and out of time',  
On that one mountain where all moments meet,  
The daily veil that covers the sublime  
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.  
There were no angels full of eyes and wings  
Just living glory full of truth and grace.*

*The Love that dances at the heart of things  
Shone out upon us from a human face  
And to that light the light in us leaped up,  
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,  
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope  
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.  
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar  
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Please stand .*

Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please sit or kneel.*

...  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

*We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.*

**Offertory hymn: Open the eyes of my heart (SoF 1490)**

*OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You.  
(Repeat)*

*To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.*

*Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy holy holy,  
I want to see You.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please remain standing.*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*God is praised for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is recalled and we follow with the acclamation:*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

#### GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All baptised and communicant members of other Churches are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not receive Communion for whatever reason are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the People say AMEN. A short time of silent prayer follows.*

*The priest may say a special post-communion prayer.*

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

#### OUR NOTICES

*Please stand while we sing our Final Hymn.*

#### **Final hymn: Hallelujah, sing to Jesus (SoF 153)**

*1. HALLELUJAH! SING TO JESUS;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'*

*2. Hallelujah! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Hallelujah! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the clouds from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you ever more'?*

*3. Hallelujah! Bread of heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Hallelujah! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Hallelujah! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of holy Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.'*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE BLESSING

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## Church Notices

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### Annual Chaplaincy Meeting 2026

Please note that our ACM 2026 meeting will take place on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### Leading Intercessions

Our prayers on a Sunday morning are an important and integral part of our worship. We have a rota for our Intercessions which is separate from the other sign-up rota. If you would be interested in joining our merry band of intercessors, please drop Netta a line at [mcfadyens@hotmail.com](mailto:mcfadyens@hotmail.com) or send an SMS to Netta at +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57.

Do ask if you are unsure or if you have any queries. Thank you.

### Men's Breakfast

We next meet on Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30am at Ory and Linda's house, 8 rue Théodore Rousseau, 77300 Fontainebleau. All men are very welcome to come and share friendship, coffee and croissants.

### Lent is coming...

I once heard a bishop say to a congregation, "I wish you a gruelling Lent!" What he meant, of course, was that he hoped people would take the opportunity given by Lenten disciplines to deepen their Christian faith. This year the Council has decided that we should likewise focus on Lent as a time to deepen our faith as a church, by denying ourselves and deepening our lives of prayer. This is not easy, but doing it together is much easier than trying to do it alone. There will be four 'inputs' to help us: Ash Wednesday, Sunday preaching, Lent lunches, and a Lent Course.

i) **Ash Wednesday Service** which will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at our Chapel, 57 Rue de Fleury, 77300 Fontainebleau.

ii) **Sundays** during Lent will include teaching about the ancient practice of fasting, from food most obviously, but also from aspects of modern life too, like 'screen time'.

#### iii) **Lent Lunches**

This year's Lent Lunches will take a slightly different format.

We will meet each time at Netta and Donald's apartment:

2 Rue Des Bois, 77300, Fontainebleau. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (there is a lift!) between 12:30h & 14:00h on the following five Thursdays in Lent: February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will have our usual soup and bread, followed by fruit and coffee or tea. The idea is to have a frugal meal and to donate what we might have spent on lunch to the Lent Lunch 'collection pot' with a suggested donation of 10 euros each. We can discuss at our first lunch where we would like our donation to go and we can then put that to the Council at their next meeting for approval. (Last year we put the money aside to pay for a new altar cloth and lectern fall, which is an on-going project.)

Netta will provide the venue and coffee and tea; others are invited to provide soup or bread or fruit. Please do so either in pairs or as a solo effort. Please confirm your attendance to Netta with 48hrs notice for catering purposes.

In order to mark Lent and to keep our focus on the opportunity this gives us to pray together and to think a little 'outside the box', Netta has offered to lead a little 'Thought for the Day' during the meal. Nothing heavy, just a thought and a prayer to keep us focussed on our response to Lent and to keep us mindful of the purpose of this time in the church year.

If you would like to bring a friend who may be new to St Luke's or who may have no history with us at all, this is an ideal opportunity.

Contact details to indicate attendance: Netta +33 (0) 6 81 87 62 57 (SMS, please) or [mcfadyens@hotmail.com](mailto:mcfadyens@hotmail.com)

iv) **Lent Course** which will take a close look at the way we draw close to God in worship - where did our type of Anglican prayer come from? What's going on in a Communion service? How might we develop our ways of worshipping God? The sessions will be on five Tuesday evenings: February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24<sup>th</sup> at the home of Leigh and Stefan, 34 ave. Charles de Gaulle, 77630 Barbizon.

Let us set ourselves the goal of being prepared by the 40 days of Lent to celebrate Easter on April 5th with renewed faith and joy!

## Giving to Saint-Luke's

The Anglican Church of St. Luke's Fontainebleau is 100% self-funded and our ministry depends on God's faithfulness and the faithful giving of time, talents, and money from our congregation as we seek to serve Jesus Christ through welcome, worship, and witness.

### GIVING TO ST LUKE'S CAN BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

1. Regular monthly giving by bank transfer. This is by far the easiest and most efficient way to provide regular financial support to St Luke's (bank details at the bottom of page).
2. Occasional or one-off donations via Bank Transfer.
3. Regular or occasional giving by cheque: either by sending a cheque made payable to "Eglise Anglicane de Fontainebleau" to the Treasurer or simply placing a cheque in the collection basket during the service.
4. Cash offerings in the collection basket in the service (Euros preferably !). Please consider replacing any giving that you would have made in cash with a cheque or an online donation during the period of suspension of physical services.

*\* All information concerning giving and donations is private and treated as confidential \**

*\* Standing orders for regular giving by bank transfer can be amended or cancelled at any time \**

### TAX CERTIFICATES

If you are a French taxpayer, you will receive an annual 'tax certificate' for your giving online, by bank transfer or cheque which will allow you to claim a reduction on your tax (\*)

*\*up to a limit for all your charitable giving of 20% of your taxable income*

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any additional information or have any questions or require assistance, please contact Christopher Burton-Page: [treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stlukesfontainebleau@gmail.com)

THANK YOU - your generous giving, whatever the amount, large or small, is so important to us and is greatly appreciated.

				
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